

Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Substitute Fish Counter, Scientific Technician 1
Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day Dams

OPEN: January 22, 2010----- CLOSING: February 5, 2010

There are currently three (3) - 7 Month, Non-Permanent, Scientific Technician 1 substitute fish counters to fill in *as needed* for full-time fish counters at Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day Dams. The amount of work for these positions is *highly variable* from week to week, between zero and forty hours. Candidates must be available to travel to all three dams, work either shift, any day of the week.

Position: (3) Scientific Technician 1's – substitutes

Duration: 7 months

Anticipated Start / End Dates: March 24, 2010 through October 31, 2010

Salary: Range 30, \$12.14 – \$ 15.66 hourly – Depending on qualifications

Duty Station Location: Bonneville, The Dalles and John Day Dams, working as needed at any of the 3 dams

Work schedule: Hours and work days vary. There are two shifts, 5am to 1pm and 1pm to 9pm, seven days a week. This position includes working weekends and holidays as necessary to complete objectives.

Summary: Under a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, adult fish counting technicians count and record the migration of specific target fishes passing Hydroelectric Projects on the main-stem Columbia River. This information is disseminated among the resource agencies through the Adult Fish Passage Reporting system maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Following prescribed procedures to identify and record the passage of target fish, including but not limited to steelhead, all salmon species, lamprey, shad and sturgeon
- Accurately and legibly recording specific biological data for target fish on a computer or written forms
- Performing calculations using basic arithmetic to provide accurate summaries if needed
- Interacting with Corps of Engineers personnel, the public, and other agency personnel during data collection to provide basic information regarding fish passage and fish condition
- Appropriately operating computers and equipment used to collect data

Working Conditions:

The duty station is located at three hydroelectric dams. Staff needs to be willing to travel to any of the three Portland District Dams to fill in for full-time fish counters. Staff works alone in a remote, small, office like settings with little direct supervision. Fish Counters work alternating shifts, 5:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Shifts alternate between seven days on with three days off and seven days on with four days off. Must have the ability to walk up to a ½ mile in inclement weather on slippery surfaces and climb steep stairs. Access to restrooms is limited to a ten minute period once per hour.

Scientific Technician 1 Desired Qualifications: Graduation from high school or GED; people with fish identification skills will be given priority. Must be able to pass a federal background check and be fingerprinted.

HOW TO APPLY: A *signed* and completed Washington State Application must be submitted by Feb. 5, 2010 to:

Ann Stephenson, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 41, White Salmon, WA 98672.

For questions, please contact Ann Stephenson at stephaes@dfw.wa.gov or (360) 600-8274. Applications can be found on our website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/employment/>. There is no recruitment number for these positions.